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In re application of Richard J. Feldmann

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Modifying the control of gene expression behavior by the deletion of connectrons and by the design and addition of synthetic connectrons in prokaryotic, archea and eukaryotic genomes

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The relevance of the attached references is that this is the closest art of which applicant(s) is aware.

Applicant(s) submits that the above references taken alone or in combination neither anticipate nor render obvious the present invention. Consideration of the foregoing in relation to this application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted.

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Attachments:

International Search Report, Form PTO-1449 and cited references

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